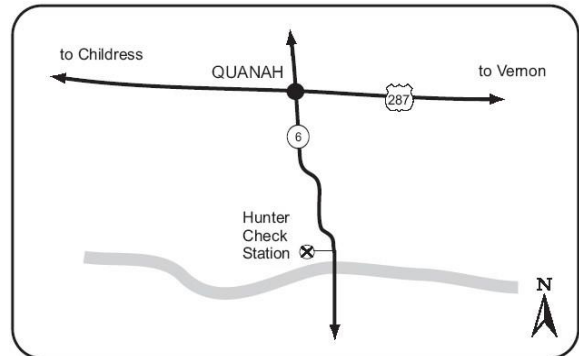




COPPER BREAKS STATE PARK PUBLIC HUNTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

Copper Breaks State Park consists of 1898.8 acres, 12 miles south of Quanah or 9 miles north of Crowell, in Hardeman County. The park was acquired by purchase from a private owner in 1970 under the State Parks Bond Program and was opened in 1974. The park features rugged, scenic beauty with mixed grass/mesquite-covered mesas and juniper breaks. North Texas wildlife abounds at Copper Breaks State Park. Roadrunners, great blue herons, many species of ducks, meadow larks, quail, doves, cardinals, owls, flickers, bluebirds, kites, hawks, and mockingbirds are just a few of the many species of birds found in the park. Most species of mammals in the park are best viewed during the early morning and late evening hours. The public hunts are being conducted to control the impact to natural resources on the park. Access to the park will be limited to drawn participants. Hunters may use park camping facilities for which the standard fee is charged. For more information, contact the Park headquarters (940/839-4331).



OBJECTIVES

The department desires to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in natural habitats and to provide for compatible public use. Where game populations exceed carrying capacities of the habitats, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting. The hunts are designed to implement a biologically sound management practice. We hope to reduce pressure on available browse species and thereby reduce competitive pressure on the park's deer herd, as well as reduce or stop habitat destruction and alteration caused by exotic species.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations. The Parks and Wildlife Department retains the right to cancel permits, alter bag limits, or stopping the hunt at any time. Permits will be issued for a 3-day hunt period. Hunts will begin at noon on the first day and end at noon on the third day. The bag and possession limits for the Gun Deer Antlerless/Spike hunts will be one white-tailed deer (antlerless or spike buck) and unlimited feral hogs.

- Legal weapons include centerfire firearms, archery equipment, crossbows, shotguns with slugs, and muzzleloaders .45 caliber or larger.
- Hunters must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material, with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear.
- Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for game storage will be available on the Park.
- Use of dogs and horses is prohibited.
- Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the Park during hunts, unless a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted handicapped hunter.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License, any required stamp and appropriate tags, or bonus white-tailed deer tag(s) as required by statute. Hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 are required to have completed the Hunter Education Certification. See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.
- Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.

- The display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Camping will be available on the park for **permitted** hunters only. Multi-use campsites with electricity and water will be available for use. Normal park use fees will be charged to those hunters using the Park's facilities. Call 940/839-4331 for more information on the Park.
- Permitted hunters should report to the Park headquarters by 11:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunting period. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation.**
- Standby hunt applicants should report at 10:00 a.m. to complete the application process prior to the drawing of any available standby hunt positions. Following a brief orientation, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will transport hunters to a hunt area. Hunters will report to the hunt staging area no later than noon on the third day of the hunt period to check out and vacate the area.
- Vehicular access is restricted to established roadways. Vehicles may not proceed beyond the designated Staging area, unless written approval is obtained from the Park Superintendent.

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